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MORNING EDITION.

OUTLINE.

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The State Canvass.

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THE MORNING STAR.

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Spirits Turpentine.

The two Misses Murray, of Granville county, were recently struck by lightning and killed.

Some burglars entered the room of two young ladies at the Louisville hotel, but the raising of an alarm drove them off.

Granville county items: Henry Briggs, on account of an accident, had his foot amputated.

Chris Kelly mashed his hand in a threshing machine. John Read and Franklin Harris, Jr., are dead.

A Vance and Engelhard Club has been formed in Faison's township, Duplin county. Mr. J. F. Shine is President; the Vice Presidents are Messrs. B. J. Millard and J. A. Shine; Secretary, Mr. J. K. Hill.

Raleigh Sentinel: Sam'l Stewart, colored, a workman engaged in renovating the store of Tom, Harrison & Co., Wilmington street, was badly hurt Monday afternoon by the falling of a stone sill of a window.

Raleigh Sentinel: A remarkable snake was killed not long since by Jas. Howell, near Hollogood's mills, Granville county. It was of the moccasin species. It measured twenty-seven inches and contained twenty-one letters of the alphabet on its back and side.

Boydton Roanoke Valley: Col. Henry E. Coleman, of the Twelfth N. C. (Confederate) regiment, was in town Tuesday, riding the same old bay he rode in the charge at Gettysburg. Both horse and rider were looking well, though neither travel as well as they did before the memorable charge.

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Third Ward Democratic Club Meeting.

The Third Ward Tilden, Vance and Waddell Club met in the hall over Munda's drug store, last night, pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The following comprise the Executive committee: The President, L. H. Bowden; T. D. Meares, 1st Vice President; Walter Conroy, 2nd Vice President, and Messrs. H. A. Bagg, B. F. Bryan, J. W. Lamb, August Dumelandt, T. Donlan, Isaac Bear, Jas. B. Huggins, W. M. Polson, Willis Turlington, C. D. M. Cobb.

The Executive committee will meet at the hall on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock.

On motion, it was ordered that the regular meetings hereafter be held on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of each month.

The meeting then adjourned.

We are requested to say that the roll book will be open at the Secretary's office, on Water, between Chesnut and Mulberry streets, where Democratic residents of the ward are invited to come forward and register their names.

Fifth Ward Tilden and Vance Reform Club.

The Democrats and Conservatives of the Fifth Ward, to the number of about seventy-five, assembled last night at the hall of the Fifth Ward Bucket Company, and formed themselves into a Tilden and Vance Reform Club.

The meeting was called to order and Mr. J. C. Mills was elected temporary Chairman, and Mr. J. G. Darden Secretary.

On motion, the Club proceeded to the election of permanent officers, whereupon Mr. B. W. Bery was elected President; Mr. P. T. Dickey, 1st Vice President; W. E. Mayo, 2d Vice President; J. G. Darden, Recording Secretary; John C. Koch, Corresponding Secretary, and J. C. Miller, Treasurer.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. E. G. Barnitz and J. C. Koch, was appointed to conduct the President to the chair. After taking the chair the President in a few appropriate remarks thanked the Club for the honor which had been conferred upon him, and assured the Club that the duties which would devolve upon him should be discharged with the zeal of a man who was thoroughly impressed with the urgent necessity for a reform in the administration of public affairs, and a return to honest and good government.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. E. G. Barnitz, J. C. Mills, P. T. Dickey, J. G. Darden, W. H. Goodman, W. E. Mayo, the President and Vice Presidents, *ex officio*, was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws, and to report at the next meeting.

Messrs. J. W. Hinton and J. C. Stevenson, being called upon, addressed the meeting on the issues involved in the campaign, and urged the necessity of energetic work to accomplish the glorious results which awaited the efforts of the Democratic Conservative party.

After which the Club adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

The Fire Yesterday.

The usual quietude of our city was considerably ruffled yesterday evening, about half-past 6 o'clock, by the alarm of fire, which was found to proceed from the second story of the building on the north side of Princess street, next to the First National Bank, occupied by Dr. J. T. Schonwald's drug and chemical store.

The engines, Hook and Ladder Company, and Fifth Ward Bucket Company were quickly on the spot, but in the mean time a number of citizens had effected an entrance into the building, sought out the locality of the fire, and by prompt and energetic measures had been enabled to extinguish the flames, thus rendering any assistance from the engines unnecessary. The streams from two of them, however, were in readiness to be turned upon the building at a moment had the occasion required it.

The origin of the fire is somewhat mysterious. Those who entered the building say that the floor and mantelpiece were strewn with boxes of matches, which, with the mantelpiece, were on fire, while the flames were rapidly communicating to the ceiling above. The only plausible theory they can advance is that rats or mice got among the matches and ignited some of them. Dr. Schonwald had just closed his store and was on his way home when the alarm of fire was sounded.

The Hook and Ladder and Bucket companies rendered what assistance they could, and necessary after their arrival.

The loss was probably about \$100, which, we understand, was covered by insurance.

Accidental Collision—A Vessel and Railroad Bridge Injured.

Yesterday afternoon, about 6 o'clock, as the schooner *Anna W. Barker*, which had just arrived, was being towed to the Navy Yard, she was struck by the Cape Fear, and when about passing through the draw of the railroad bridge over the Cape Fear, the vessel, by some means, ran into the abutment of the bridge, carrying away the anchor cathead, stove the starboard bow, swept the foremost port chains, &c. of the vessel, and carrying away the gear that adjusts the draw to the track, and knocking two or three of the capstanes of the abutment into the river. The accident occurred just about train time, and caused the detention of the trains from both north and south, both of which were waiting patiently for the track to be put in proper condition when our informant left.

Report of the Superintendent of Health.

Below we give the report of Dr. A. E. Wright, Superintendent of Health, relative to the present sanitary condition of the city, together with his opinion of the prospects of our city for the season through which we are now passing:

To Honorable W. P. Canaday, Mayor of the City of Wilmington:

DEAR SIR: My attention has been called, as Superintendent of Health of the City of Wilmington, by you to certain publications in our daily papers relative to the sanitary condition of the city. As the season is approaching when malarial diseases are most prevalent with us, it is certainly wise and proper for all of our citizens to use every preventive measure, and to remove, as far as they can, the causes which may generate such diseases, and it is certainly the bounden duty of those who are in authority, whose official positions have devolved upon them certain duties and powers for the preservation of the public health to faithfully discharge those duties, and with unwearied diligence to exercise all the power intrusted to them for that purpose, and neither citizens or officials can be too active or too vigilant for all that is to be effected, and all are interested. But while all this is so, it is not wise by newspaper publications to create unnecessary alarm amongst our own citizens, or to induce the fear abroad that infectious or contagious sickness is to be apprehended here, during the season, thus causing uneasiness at home and deterring any who may desire to visit our city on pleasure or business. I take pleasure in stating that the present sanitary condition of the city will compare most favorably with that of previous years. The climate is as good as that of 1875. The mortality list was greater in July, 1875, than in July, 1876.

I have ascertained from my own observation, and from others, that there is now less sickness than there was during the same season last year. Our climate will be "City by the Sea" exposes us, of course, to the danger of diseases being imported from abroad, and the utmost vigilance must be practiced to guard against this danger. As far as the law and regulations to prevent diseases from this source are concerned, ample provisions have been made.

It is strictly required of all pilots to ascertain and report to the Quarantine Physician, at Smithville, whenever there is any sickness aboard of any vessel they may pilot into the river. It is the duty of that physician to make a rigid examination of all vessels, and of the captain and crew, and if there is sickness of an infectious or contagious nature, the vessel must be quarantined. If the vessel reaches Wilmington the Harbor Master ascertains if there is sickness aboard. If there is, he reports immediately to the Superintendent of Health.

That officer is required to visit all such vessels, and if he finds any sickness aboard of an infectious or contagious nature, it is made his duty to order such vessel or vessels back to quarantine, and he is empowered and authorized to make such orders and enforce the same. If these regulations are not strictly carried out by those whose duty it is made to see to their execution, we have little cause to fear the introduction of infectious or contagious diseases from abroad.

I shall endeavor faithfully to perform the duties which my official position has devolved upon me.

I am happy to state that there is not a case of small pox in the city or its surroundings.

From the period which has elapsed since the war, Wilmington can compare favorably in point of health with any other Southern city. We have reason to hope from the present indications that we shall be saved this season from any unusual disease, and that our city will be blessed, during this Continental year, with its usual health and freedom from infectious or contagious diseases.

Yours respectfully,  
A. E. WRIGHT, D. O.,  
Superintendent of Health.

WILMINGTON, N. C., July 29, 1876.

In connection with the above, we would state that Dr. Wright has been instructed by the Mayor to make a thorough weekly inspection of the city, and whatever he finds necessary to be done for the health of the citizens to have it done at once. We are assured by the Mayor that the sanitary condition of the city shall be thoroughly looked after, and all other work subordinated to that purpose.

Weather Conditions for July. From Mr. Robert Seyboth, Sergeant in charge of the Signal Station at this port, we have the following report of the weather conditions of July: Highest barometer 30.23 inches; lowest barometer 29.81 inches; monthly range of barometer 0.41 inches. Highest temperature, 97 degrees; lowest temperature, 63 degrees; monthly range of temperature, 34 degrees; greatest daily range of temperature, 24 degrees; mean of maximum temperature, 88.5 degrees; mean of minimum temperature, 73.8 degrees. Total rainfall, 7.68 inches. Prevailing wind, southwest; total number of miles travelled, 5,899; maximum velocity of wind, 24 miles per hour. Number of cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell, 13. There were no auroras, no solar halos and only one lunar halo. The mean barometer of the month was 30.06 inches; mean temperature, 79.3 degrees; mean temperature of the same month last year, 81.3 degrees.

Old Anson Alive with Southsiders.

A Tilden, Vance and Steele Club was organized at Lileville, Anson county, on Saturday last, amid much unanimity and enthusiasm. A friend, writing to us from that place, says "We have never seen our people more united, hopeful and earnest." We are glad to see our people everywhere so thoroughly aroused in the cause of State and national reform. Keep the ball in motion.

Excursion.

We hear that the Young Catholic Friends Society, of this city, are to have an excursion down the river on Tuesday next, the steamer *Waccamaw* having been engaged for that purpose. The excursions heretofore given by this association have always proved very successful ones in every respect, and we think we can safely promise that the approaching one will be no exception to the rule.

A Church Reminiscence.

From an article in the last number of the *Raleigh Christian Advocate*, giving an extract from the pages of a little work styled "Methodism, or Christianity in Earnest," written by Mrs. M. Martin, wife of a former pastor of the church, in reference to the completion and dedication of the Front Street Methodist Church, in 1845, the old one having been destroyed by fire two years previously, we take the following:

"A great day it was for the Methodist people in Wilmington, and a glad day when the scattered flock, after two years of inconvenience and discomfort, once more assembled together in a better and more commodious place of worship than they ever had before. This fine new church, besides being very commodious in its substantial basement, with Sunday school and class rooms, and preacher's office and library, is built in very beautiful and accurate imitation, in this respect, for our Methodist churches generally, constructed after the order of the noble Doric; plain, but massive and dignified in its appearance; its stately colonnade in front of grave sandstone striking the beholder as an elegant specimen of architectural skill. Immediately on entering the eye is struck riveted on the motto above and encircling the altar, in large golden characters in *bas-relief*, 'For mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people; and the text for the dedication sermon, preached in the forenoon by the Rev. Whitford Smith, Presiding Elder of the District. In the course of his remarks he touchingly alluded to the destruction of the old church (he did so) to the last sermon he had preached about two years ago, as near so as possible to where he then stood, when the cry of fire was given, and soon 'their beautiful house, where their fathers had worshipped, and where they themselves had worshipped things laid waste; but how that God had given them even a better house, and kept them from harm while they had worshipped in the tabernacle, and now by his love had brought them safely to his fold again. The pastor of the church, the Rev. William Martin, in the afternoon took his text from Solomon's dedicatory prayer for the temple.

"The Rev. Dr. McCabe, of Richmond, at night preached from these words, 'For the redemption of the soul is precious, and it ceaseth forever,' and we trust not without great and powerful effect on the immense audience before him. The following morning all day, and over the people seemed to be flocking as doves to their windows. The first tune in the morning was 'Old Hundred.' We have a delightful choir in Wilmington, one of the finest I know anywhere, and generally it swells in its full tide of song even above the music of the congregation."

ROCKY POINT MOVING.

Pursuant to previous notice, the Democracy of Rocky Point Township in the Democratic county, turned out *en masse* at Rocky Point Depot, at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, the 29th July, 1876. The object was to form a Tilden and Vance Club, and to advance the cause of Democratic organization in the township. The spirit was fine. There was a praiseworthy determination manifested by every Democrat present to do his duty in the momentous campaign now pending for Reform in North Carolina, and in our National Government.

Thomas Williams, Esq., was called to the chair and C. V. Hines elected Secretary.

Dr. Eliza Porter then addressed the meeting in a lengthy speech in praise of the Democratic party and in bitter denunciation of the Radical party and its leaders everywhere.

A committee on permanent organization of the club was then appointed. While the committee were out in consultation there was a renewal of speaking on the part of Dr. Eliza Porter, Thomas Williams, Esq., and others, all of whom spoke with zeal.

After the report of the committee, the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen as the permanent officers of the club, viz: President—Thomas J. Armstrong. First Vice President—B. L. Bordeaux. Second Vice President—Geo. W. Ormsby.

Third Vice President—W. J. Hocut. Fourth Vice President—Joel Hines. Fifth Vice President—William F. Rothenbach.

Treasurer—Thos. A. McClendon. Secretary—Calvin V. Hines.

To act as Executive Committee—Dr. S. S. Satchel, Dr. W. T. Ennett, Braswell Durlum, Jesse Bowden and C. J. Miller.

At this stage of the proceedings a large number came forward and enrolled their names as members of the club. It is confidently believed that, in less than a month, nearly every Democrat in the township will be a working member of the club.

The President elect, upon being conducted to the chair, made an eloquent rallying appeal to the Democracy of the county, and the rescue of the State and country under that inspiring banner of Reform which is now borne aloft by those bold and able leaders of our party who are the nominees of our ticket. State and county officers, and support of our great work of economy, trenchment and reform, now the animating watchword of the party.

The resolutions called upon our Democratic brethren in every township of the county, to form a Democratic Club, and yet be formed, to arouse at once to the important work of forming clubs in their respective townships, and to aid us in the adoption, without delay, of a system of party discipline, organization and work, as well as to assist in the development of honorable and brilliant results for our party at the polls in November next. Special committees for special service during the campaign were appointed. Messrs. Thomas Williams, J. P. Porter and W. Hocut were appointed committees to procure a suitable pole and flag for the club, to be unfurled to the breeze at Rocky Point depot.

The proceedings were harmonious and in all respects patriotic and spirited. The demonstration, united with other indications, justify the statement that not only are the Rocky Point Democracy aroused, but the rank and file of the party in this section are all ready, and thus early in the campaign, anxious to do as much for their party and country as has usually prevailed the party within one week of our annual August elections for the past five years.

The club will again meet at Rocky Point depot on Saturday next at 3 o'clock, P. M. The Secretary was directed to prepare and send this condensed statement of the proceedings for publication to the *Democratic Papers of Wilmington*, and to the *Weekly Duplin Record*.

C. V. HINES, Sec'y.

A Bad Road.

The county road, known as the Little Bridge Road, which passes over Smith's Creek, is said to be in a terrible condition, especially in the neighborhood of Nes's Creek, being in some places almost impassable, having holes here and there in which, if the wheel of a vehicle were to strike them, it would sink at least three feet. It not only causes great inconvenience to persons coming to or going from Wilmington in that direction, but is dangerous to life and property. We learn that proceedings are to be instituted against the overseer of the road if it is not put in proper condition shortly.

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning:

Salfe Walker, colored, arraigned on the charge of disorderly conduct. Judgment suspended on the payment of costs.

The same, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, or work for thirty days on the streets.

Three boys, charged with being disorderly, were ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and costs, each.

Two cases were continued over for a future hearing.

Major E. D. Poisson will address the Tilden and Vance Club at Smithville this evening. The steamer *Doris* will leave here at 4 P. M., and those who wish to be present can find accommodations on her.

The steamship *Benefactor*, Jones, sailed from New York July 29th for this port.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the City Post-Office, August 1, 1876:

A.—Miss Lucy Abbott, Mrs. Hannah Addams, Mrs. Lettie Allen, Alfred J. Anthony.

B.—Miss Ann J. Bachman, Alfred Brown, Joe Bryant, Mrs. Kate Bryant.

C.—Mrs. Rachel Cornish, John Cox. D.—Mrs. Mary E. Davis, Capt. W. N. Dennis, William Dowling.

E.—Joseph Edgerton. F.—J. M. Fitzgerald. G.—James M. Galley, Mortimer J. Goldsmith.

H.—Joshua Hamilton, Milton Hankins, Henry Hcaton, John F. Hill, John Hill, Mrs. Berrater Hill.

J.—Mrs. Mary S. Johnson, Allen Johnson. K.—S. E. King. L.—Nicola Lauletta.

M.—Miss Manlyby, John M. McMillan, Henry McKeethan, Wm. McLaughlin, Mrs. McKoy, Miss Melvina McKoy, Miss R. McNeil, Mrs. Swift Miller, Miss Calla Mitchell, Mrs. Harriet Merritt, Mrs. Hannah Moore, Richard Murray.

N.—Charles Nixon. O.—P. C. Oates, Abraham Owens. P.—Peter Purdie. R.—Christian Reid, Mack H. Rhodes, Robert Rust.

S.—Miss Celia S. Sault, Prince D. Smith, Miss Virginia Strong. T.—Phillip Teboe, Miss Fannie Turner. V.—Miss Lula Vann. W.—Robert P. Walker, Mrs. Phoebe Washington, Mrs. Mary J. Weston, Miss Lou Williams, Isaac Williams, S. Dives Williams, Duncan M. Williams, Zilpha M. Williams, Miss Henrietta Wilson, T. B. Wilkinson.

SHIP LETTERS.

Capt. R. G. Davis, 3; Charles W. Yeazie, schooner *Maud Briggs*. Ed. R. BRINK, P. M. Wilmington, New Hanover Co., N. C.

CITY ITEMS.

Persons of ordinary habits, and overworked, and in Dr. Bull's Vegetable Pills a specific for want of Appetite, indigestion, Debility, Constipation, and many other ailments. At the drug stores.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Mechanics' Building & Loan Association. THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Mechanics' Building Association will be held at the Old Library Rooms, this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Apply to C. S. ELLIS, Secretary and Treasurer.

For Rent. DWELLING AND STORES, CORNER of Front and Mulberry streets, for one year from 1st October next. For further particulars apply to I. T. ALDERMAN, aug 2-1

For Rent. THE THREE STORY BRICK BUILDING, on the corner of Dock and Front streets, belonging to the "Seaman's Friend Society." The ground floor comprises two large desirable stores; the other two are very suitable for a "Seaman's Home" or Private Boarding House. The Building may be rented in whole or in part. For further particulars apply to GEORGE HARRIS, or R. E. HEIDE, Trustees. aug 2-1

Dissolution. THE FIRM OF EDWARDS & HALL WAS dissolved on the 25th ultimo by the death of the senior partner, J. J. Edwards. The business of said firm will be settled by D. P. HALL, who alone is authorized to sign in liquidation. All claims against the firm will be paid promptly as maturity, and all persons indebted to the same are respectfully urged to settle promptly.

Copartnership. THE UNDERSIGNED, SURVIVING PARTNER, having formed a new Copartnership, under the firm name of HALL & PEARSON, will continue the business of the late firm in all its branches, and respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage so liberally bestowed on the old firm. R. P. HALL, surviving partner. aug 1-1

For Rent. FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1876, THE OFFICE, now occupied by Messrs. A. A. Mott and T. M. Moore, for particulars apply to